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1. The nickel screen order of Tewa (Neustadt and Graefenthal) for 75,000 square meters was in production from January 1952 through August 1952, at which period it was completed. During the same period, Baderschneider and Lenzner, Zeulenroda, delivered between 15,000 and 18,000 meters.
2. The new Tewa order was for 27,000 meters, and the new order for Zeulenroda was for 6,000 meters; both were for the second part of 1952. The order was completed on 3 December 1952. Tewa made 23,000 meters and Zeulenroda made 6,000 meters, plus 3,800 meters, thus making up the Tewa deficiency. The entire production was delivered, including the 6 to 8 percent average of Tewa reject material, with the exception of 1,200 meters still at Tewa; this lot is to be delivered soon.
3. From January through August 1952, reed 230 production fell from a monthly maximum of 50 to 8. From September to December 1952, there was no reed 230 production, but other sizes were produced to fill DHZ (Deutsche Handelzentrale) orders.

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4. Kabelwerk Koepenick discontinued wire deliveries in October 1952; the last delivery from Hettstedt was made in late November 1952. All wire supplies are exhausted, except 110 kg. of reject wire.
5. All Russian reed 230 steel supplies are exhausted except 100 kg.
6. About 40 Tewa-Neustadt weavers left voluntarily in August 1952, when the receipt of any new order seemed doubtful. Twenty-eight weavers were notified that their services would no longer be required after 1 January 1953. The present complement of employees, including the administration, is about 500.
7. No new Russian orders have been received so far. The Russian Stesnov supervised the last shipping of screen on 15 December 1952.
nothing is known about any new orders. However
230 production might continue for East German consumption, but not for Russia. ¹
8. The former Russian director, Palilov, left definitely in July 1952.² Prior to his departure, he made a survey of all reed specialists and probably also of the expert weavers.
9. The SOC acceptance engineers Mueller, Ewald, Dreyden, and Hoth left for other assignments on 5 December 1952.
10. Tewa is now working on a DHZ order for small lots of phosphor bronze screen of various sizes. The largest quantity produced since August 1952 is 2,500 square meters No 190. The new DHZ order for 1953 for around 30,000 meters of phosphor bronze screen, size DIN 40, 60 and 80, has been announced but not yet definitely assigned. However, the wire has already been delivered from Willigtal and DHZ Erfurt.
11. On 19 December 1952, negotiations were initiated concerning the transformation of Baderschneider und Lenzner into a VEB. The oldest Lenzner ³ is under arrest and his son Willy Lenzner has been banned from the plant. The business manager, Fanghaehnel, was arrested but was later released and is back in the enterprise. It is not known if the enterprise has definitely been nationalized.

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12. Pabst und Kilian and Tewa Raguhn have been completely out of the nickel wire screen program since January 1952.⁴

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1. Comment: production will continue for the Russians, but only after the discharge of all Russian personnel so far engaged in screen production.

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